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Interview Summary

Application No. 09/107,486	Applicant(s) Yoshiko Shilmori et al.
Examiner King Y. Poon	Group Art Unit 2624
	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) King Y. Poon

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(2) Matthew J. Lattig

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Date of Interview Oct 6, 2000

Type: Telephonic Personal (copy is given to applicant applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Yes No. If yes, brief description:

Agreement was reached. was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-10, 12-20, 22-36, 38-43, and 45-50

Identification of prior art discussed:

Hunt and Tsutamori

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Discuss proposed amendment, advice to the applicant that the proposed amendment raises new issues that change the scope of the claimed invention, and would require further search and consideration.

Applicant's representative suggested to file CPA to expedite prosecution.

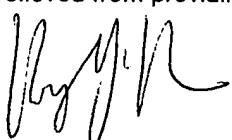
Point out to the applicant that some claim language should be further defined, such as the retrieval means in claims 25, 29, 33, the editing/reediting in claims 35, 41, 42, and 48.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1. It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.



10/6/2000

Examiner Note: You must sign and stamp this form unless it is an attachment to a signed Office action.